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Assistant Director for Operations 4 May 1956

Chief, FBID

Progress Report for April 1956

OPERATIONS

1. Special services provided by FBID during April included:

A. A report on world reaction to President Eisenhower's 19 March foreign aid message, prepared upon request of OCE and given special distribution.

B. A thrice-weekly roundup of comment on the Geneva meeting of the Economic Commission for Europe, carried on the B-wire for the Department of State.

C. Continuation of the special wire to Ambassador Johnson, U.S. representative at the Geneva talks with the Chinese Communists.

D. An 66-page supplement to the FBIS Daily Report, containing the full text of Kim Il-song's report delivered in Pyongyang on the work of the Central Committee of the Korean Labor Party.

E. Technical information on East European broadcasting for the Biscel Committee.

F. A special report on the operational phases of current broadcasting in Indochina for PP Staff.

2. Okinawa Bureau commenced teletype service to the Agency's China Base at Subic Bay on 26 April. The file is an extension of the service regularly transmitted to MAAG, Taiwan.

3. Deficiencies in FBIS economic abstract cards, including excessive backlogs in the OP typing pool, illegible cards, and delays in dissemination were the basis for an FBID request to Management Staff to explore better means for reproducing these cards. The subject is now under study.

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4. Three mimeographed propaganda analysis papers and three Radio Propaganda Reports were issued during the month. A number of informal favorable comments have been received on the most ambitious of these, a study of nuclear statement and related concepts in Soviet policy statements. Two of the others were prepared at FBIS/OIS request and two in support of National Estimates. The practice of coordinating certain forthcoming FBIS Propaganda Reports with the principal interested intelligence offices is continuing, and an OCI representative conferred with members of the Radio Propaganda Branch regarding its forthcoming study of Khrushchev's position in the deglorification of Stalin.

5. The French monitoring service to FBIS Saigon Bureau is beginning to dwindle and some coverage may have been transferred from Saigon to Cap St. Jacques. Saigon Bureau is studying equipment and personnel requirements for direct monitoring of the services which have been provided by the French.

6. Management Staff approved an increase of two Arabic monitors in the foreign national T/O of the Mediterranean Bureau. The BBC has also increased its Arabic monitoring staff by one. These additions will provide reserve capacity for covering crises in the Middle East.

7. Latin American cruising in Puerto Rico was terminated and the results are being evaluated. Indications are that the Navy station at Sabana Seca is inadequate for FBIS, although another Navy installation at Roosevelt Roads appears to offer better possibilities. A spot check of reception conditions at Quito, Ecuador, and Lima, Peru, is also being arranged through the Office of Communications.

8. Review of the complexities of conducting North, Central, and East African, and Turkish reception surveys in rapid sequence indicates that FBIS should limit its summer activities to resolution of the North African coverage problem, and planning is now on this basis. Essentially, FBIS does not have the staff, equipment, or knowledge to embark on the overall undertaking, and the results of the North African survey will have a definite bearing on what should next be done.

9. Coverage of Radio Dersa, Tetuan, Spanish Morocco, by the 17th Air Force for FBIS during the past five months was terminated with the concurrence of the AD/CI. A memorandum of appreciation to the Director of Intelligence, U.S. Air Force, was drafted for AD/O signature.

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10. Two of Okinawa Bureau's six Korean monitors have been terminated for substandard performance. Only one replacement will be recruited, on the basis that a smaller but more capable staff can adequately handle Korean monitoring requirements.

FACILITIES

11. Construction:

A. Quonset houses in Okinawa were removed in preparation for the final phase of the Okinawa housing program, under Project DD/I-158-56.

B. A contract was signed in Tokyo on 23 April for construction of four duplex houses at Chitose Air Force Base, Hokkaido, under Project DD/I-168-56. This construction should be completed about mid-July 1956.

C. Extensive rehabilitation work on antennae at the Okinawa Bureau by the Army Signal Corps is in process.

12. Equipment:

A. Austrian Bureau submitted estimates for erection of antenna masts, and procurement of a television receiver. Improvement in the antenna system will provide potential for backstopping German and Mediterranean Bureau's Satellite monitoring and improve Austrian Bureau's own reception. The television receiver should permit reception of Czech TV programs from the new high-powered TV transmitter at Bratislava. Cost of both projects will be under $1,000. No action will be taken pending an Embassy decision on U.S. occupancy of the Allianz Building in Vienna.

B. Two Morse code--teletype converters for the West Coast Bureau were requisitioned. They will be placed in service in late 1956.

C. Eighteen Hammarlund SP-600-JL receivers, modified to cover the frequency ranges 100-400 kilocycles and 540 kilocycles to 44.8 megacycles, were requisitioned for the Mediterranean Bureau, from budgeted funds. They will eliminate the need for two receivers in most of the Mediterranean Bureau's monitoring positions.

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D. Two Model 19 teleprinters and a Model 14 typing reperforator are being shipped to Saigon Bureau. This equipment will enable Saigon Bureau to prepare its own teletype tapes and speed its outgoing file.

13. At Department of Army request, Okinawa Bureau was authorized to pay Okinawa Engineer District the full amount requested by the Army for increased rental for FBIS land, with the proviso that OKED would withhold payment to the owners pending resolution of the questions of pole rights or outleasing to the owners for agricultural purposes.

ADMINISTRATION

14. FBIS leased a house in Tokyo for the Electronic Technician GS-9, whose housing allowance is inadequate to provide adequate quarters through private rental.

15. Records Management Staff completed a review of FBID's records program and revised its records disposition schedules. FBID is now officially responsible for custody of the permanent file of the FBIS Daily Report, and all bound volumes will be returned from Records Center to FBID.

16. During the month four employees entered on duty with FBID, one transferred to other components, and one was separated. FBID classified on duty strength at the end of April was [redacted] 50X1

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Enclosures:

I Field Production
II Personnel Supplement
III Special Requirements

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1. Daily Average of Field Bureau Production, April 1956.
(Averages computed on basis of 5-day week)

FIELD BUREAU	HOURS MONITORED	WORDAGE FILED	ITEMS FILED	ITEMS PUBLISHED
Austria	4¼	2,300*	12*	5*
East Coast	108½	23,500	127	64
German	23	13,200*	38*	29*
Hokkaido	12	7,513	70	21
London	231	67,000	120	67
Mediterranean	63½	48,000	325	115
Okinawa	123¾	28,200	83	65
Saigon	21½	6,100*	16*	12*
Tokyo	25	9,500*	27*	20*
West Coast	98	35,000	181	125
Total	709 3/4	240,313	999	544

*Includes Press Scrutiny

NOTE: A daily average of 94,181 words were filed to BBC.

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PERSONNEL SUPPLEMENT TO MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

April 1956

. Summary

Number of Personnel	American T/O	Ceiling	On Duty	In Process	Entered On Duty	Promotions	Transferred	Separated	Native T/O	On Duty
Departmental										
U.S. Field										
Foreign Field										
Departmental & Field (Total)										

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2. Personnel Entering on Duty

Name, Title, Grade	Assignment	Date
[redacted]	Editorial Branch (Transfer from FDD)	8 April 1956 50X1
	Editorial Branch	16 April 1956
	Editorial Branch	23 April 1956
	Administrative Staff	19 April 1956

3. Promotions

Name	Old Title, Grade Assignment	New Title, Grade Assignment	Date
[redacted]	Brdcst Mon(Multi), GS-7 East Coast Bureau	Brdcst Mon(Multi), GS-8 East Coast Bureau	6 April 1956 50X1
	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-11 Editorial Branch	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-12 Editorial Branch	8 April 1956
	Brdcst Mon(Multi), GS-7 East Coast Bureau	Brdcst Mon(Multi), GS-8 East Coast Bureau	8 April 1956
	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-9 Okinawa Bureau	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-11 Okinawa Bureau	8 April 1956

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b. Reassignments

Name	Old Title, Grade Assignment	New Title, Grade Assignment	Date	
	Librarian, GS-5 Editorial Branch	Librarian, GS-5 East Coast Bureau	8 April 1956	50X1
	Clerk Typist, GS-4 Administrative Staff	Librarian, GS-4 Editorial Branch	8 April 1956	
	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-11 Editorial Branch	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-11 Austrian Bureau	8 April 1956	
	Electron Eng(Radio), GS-12 Mediterranean Bureau	Electron Eng(Radio), GS-12 East Coast Bureau	22 April 1956	

c. Transfers

Name	Title, Grade, Assignment	Recipient Office	Date	
	Brdcst Mon(Multi), GS-10 West Coast Bureau	OO/FBD	8 April 1956	50X1

d. Separations

Name	Title, Grade, Assignment	Date	
	Propaganda Anal Of, GS-9 Radio Propaganda Branch	6 April 1956	50X1

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7. Miscellaneous

Name Change	From	To	Date
			28 April 1956 50X1
	Secretary (Steno), GS-5 Administrative Staff	Secretary (Steno), GS-5 Administrative Staff	

8. OO Career Service Program

a. employees have been accepted for Career Staff membership. 50X1

b. Training Activities

	Basic Orientation Course 2 - 20 April 1956	Internal	50X1
	Basic Orientation Course 2 - 20 April 1956	Internal	
	Basic Orientation Course 2 - 20 April 1956	Internal	
	Effective Writing 10 April - 14 June 1956	Internal	
	Cryptographic Training 2 - 6 April 1956	Internal	
	Cryptographic Training 2 - 6 April 1956	Internal	
	Intelligence Writing Course 5 April - 24 May 1956	Internal	
	Intelligence Writing Course 5 April - 24 May 1956	Internal	

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00 Career Service Program - Training Activities (Cont.)

[redacted]	Intelligence Writing Course 5 April - 24 May 1956	Internal
	Intelligence Writing Course 5 April - 24 May 1956	Internal
	Intelligence Writing Course 5 April - 24 May 1956	Internal
	Intelligence Writing Course 5 April - 24 May 1956	Internal
	Intelligence Writing Course 5 April - 24 May 1956	Internal
	Intelligence Writing Course 5 April - 24 May 1956	Internal
	Intelligence Writing Course 5 April - 24 May 1956	Internal
	Conference Leadership Course #2 16 April - 23 May 1956	Internal
	Capitol Radio Engineering Institute - Washington, D.C. 15 January - 15 April 1956	External

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9. Foreign Travel

None

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SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS CONTROL

CONTROL NO.	REQUESTING OFFICE CONTROL NO.	REQUESTING OFFICE	DATE RECEIVED	ACTION DESK	DESCRIPTION	DATE DESIRED	DATE COMPLETED	REMARKS
1-34-55		State	23 Jul	Ed Br FPB	Peking & Moscow comment on US-ChiCom meeting	EAP		Daily file to Amb. Johnson, Geneva
1-123-55		OCI	22 Nov	Opr O	Coverage of Radio Tetuan for limited time	EAP	27 Apr	To 17th Air Force for action
1-137-55	IE-2122	OCI	31 Jan	RFB	Comparison study of 1952 & 1955-56 All-Union Party Congress & preliminary Party Conferences	EAP	4 Apr	Coordinating Officer - [redacted]
IR-144-56		OCB	21 Mar	RFB & Ed Br	Report on Soviet broadcasts dealing with official Soviet policy on athletics	4 Apr	12 Apr	[redacted]
1-145-56		ONE	23 Mar	Ed Br	World reaction to Eisenhower's foreign aid message, 19 March 1956	4 Apr	5 Apr	
1-149-56		SR/P	27 Mar	Hokkaido Kyushu	Tape recordings of Moscow TASS Dictation, Khaberovsk Regional Press Dictation	EAP		[redacted]
1-150-56		OCI, OIR, USIA	4 Mar	RFB	Card Index of 20th CPSU speeches	EAP	20 Apr	Set of cards also sent to Head Corp.
IR-153-56		State	2 Apr	Ed Br	Periodic roundup of commentary on ECE conference	Cont	20 Apr	Roundup sent by E-wire
1-154-56		USIA	4 Apr	Opr.O ECB	Week's summaries of Spanish broadcasts from Cairo to Latin America	13 Apr	17 Apr	
IR-155-56		USIA	3 Apr	Opr O Med Bu	Belt recordings of Soviet broadcasts to Iran critical of the Shah	Cont		Request by [redacted]
IR-156-56		OCI	4 Apr	Opr O UCB	Press transmissions by Jewish Telegraph Agency, New York, to Israel and Europe	Cont		
IR-157-56		RQM/OIR	16 Apr	Ed Br Moscon Bu	Texts of Czech broadcasts by following: Jan Mlynsky, J. Musenar, V. Mlatik, V. Vossely	Cont		
IR-158-56	RDA-7425	OSI/E/RMM	9 Apr	Okinawa Med Bu	Information on characteristics and location of Soviet Summer AD AD	Cont		

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